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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 683

INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

USDEL FRANCE

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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: CANADIAN RELATIONS WITH NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM

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1. AS DEPT AWARE, CANADA RECOGNIZES BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH VIET NAM BUT HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NEITHER. ALTHOUGH EXTAFF SECRETARY SHARP HAS STATED THAT SUBJECT " UNDER REVIEW", EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE GOC INTENDS TO MOVE AT THIS TIME TOWARDS ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH HANOI OR SAIGON. EXTAFF OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US GOC WILL NOT SERIOUSLY CONSIDER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AS LONG AS CANADA IS PARTICIPATING IN ICCS.
 2. SHARP AND OTHER GOC OFFICIALS WERE BRIEFED ON NORTH VIET NAMESE MOVEMENT OF MEN AND MATERIAL BY UNDERSECRETARY PORTER IN OTTAWA MAR 8, AND, PRESUMABLY BY AMEMBASSY SAIGON DURING SHARP' S VISIT THERE.
 3. IN VIEW THE ABOVE, AND IN DELICATE PERIOD WHEN GOC DECIDING WHETHER AND HOW LONG TO CONTINUE ITS ICCS PARTICIPATION, EMBASSY DOUBTS IT WOULD BE OPPORTUNE TO APPROACH GOC ON ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AS SUGGESTED REFTEL. WHILE GOC AWARE OF VIOLATIONS, TO STRESS THEM FURTHER MIGHT GIVE ADDITIONAL RATIONALE
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TO THOSE IN GOC WHO MAY BE INCLINED TERMINATE CANADIAN ICCS
INVOLVEMENT AT X- PLUS 60. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS OTHERWISE
INSTRUCTED, EMBASSY WILL REFRAIN FROM MAKING
APPROACH AT THIS TIME.
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